

Town Clerk's Corner: E-waste drop-off day is Saturday, Aug. 5

•The Lewiston Town Board will hold a public hearing at 6 p.m. Monday, July 24, regarding the adoption of a proposed local law titled, "A Local Law Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on New Short-Term Rentals." This hearing will be held prior to the regular Town Board meeting.

TOWN CLERK'S CORNER



Donna R. Garfinkel

Residents are always provided an opportunity to address the board with any comments or concerns they may have.

•The Town of Lewiston, in cooperation with Modern Disposal Services, will hold an e-waste drop-off day from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 5, at the Lewiston Highway Department Garage, 1445 Swann Road. Open to Lewiston residents only, this is a drive-thru drop-off event – you don't even need to get out of your car.

Acceptable items include TVs, DVD players, cameras, printers,

speakers, laptops, computers, monitors, phones, radios, cables/cords. Again, this is for Lewiston residents only.

•The Lewiston Senior Center is open to serve the Niagara County nutrition lunch program. The site offers this program from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. weekdays.

The nutrition program is just one of many programs offered at the Senior Center. Stop by, call 716-754-2071, or check out the schedule on the website (www.lewistonseniorcenter.com).

•Lewiston Highway Department crews have started their

paving schedule. Highway Superintendent Mitch Zahno asks for your patience and regard for the workers' safety while they are in your area. Any questions can be directed to the Highway Department at 716-754-8218.

•The Town Water Department reminds residents that, each year, on Sept. 1, any unpaid water bill balance (through May 31) will be levied on to your 2024 town and county tax bill if not paid by that date. Any water and sewer charges levied to a tax bill will incur a \$100 levy fee. This fee is to recoup town costs in

processing the unpaid bill.

For more information, call the Water Department at 716-754-8213, ext. 235 or 236, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

•Replacing your tattered American flag? Proper disposal of the flag is a very important and respectful thing to do. The town received a receptacle from VFW Downriver Post No. 7487, which is located in the front foyer at Town Hall. Residents are encouraged to dispose of their flags properly.

Erie County, partners offer rain barrels & compost bins

Homeowners encouraged to reduce runoff, recycle nutrients into soil

Erie County, in partnership with the Western New York Stormwater Coalition, is once again offering rain barrels and compost bins to encourage households to reduce their environmental footprint through water conservation and reducing fertilizer use.

New this year are several subsidies for residents in targeted municipalities. Households in the Town of Tonawanda, City of Tonawanda, North Tonawanda, Kenmore, Grand Island or River-

side, are eligible for 50% off the price of rain barrels and compost bins. The subsidy is funded by a grant provided by the Tonawanda Community Environmental Benefits Program.

Households in Cheektowaga, Grand Island, City of Tonawanda, Kenmore, Sloan, Niagara Falls and the Village of Lewiston are eligible for 75% off the price of rain barrels only. This subsidy is funded by a grant provided by the Environmental Protection Fund as administered by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

A press release stated, "Even if you live in a municipality not targeted for a subsidy, rain barrels, compost bins and composting accessories are 50%-60% off the 2022 pricing.

"Rain barrels reduce stormwater runoff, which is rainfall that does not soak into the ground and can transport many pollutants to our local waterways. By using harvested rainwater for watering lawns, gardens and potted plants, rain barrels conserve water. As a bonus, the natural nutrients in rainwater make it far better for plants than tap water, which has chlorine

and fluoride in it. With a rain barrel, gardeners can also minimize or eliminate their use of chemical fertilizers.

"Home composting is a simple way to restore nutrients to soil. The addition of compost enriches soil, stimulates plant growth, and reduces the need for chemical fertilizers. Composting yard trimmings and food scraps has the added benefit of keeping those wastes

out of our local landfills."

For details on the sale and subsidies, visit erie.compostersale.com.

IN THE NEWS

Asklar award

Lewiston resident Thomas Paul Asklar won Best In Show at the 66th annual Allentown Art Festival in Buffalo with his painting, "Leroy." Asklar has been exhibiting at the Allentown Festival since 1997, and at the Lewiston Art Festival since 1989, where he won Best In Show in 1990.

An art teacher at Country Parkway Elementary School, Asklar is a muralist whose work can be seen all around western New York, including his newest work at Hustler's Tavern. His fine art paintings, often inspired by his deep, lifelong connection to Niagara Falls, can be seen in art collections throughout the U.S., England, Canada, Sweden, Switzerland, Germany, China and Japan.

"I am humbled and honored to receive this prestigious award," commented Asklar, who identifies equally as an artist and an educator. "Even though I won many awards as a young artist, it feels good – validating – to receive this award at this point in my life. One of my college professors and heroes, the late, iconic and prolific painter Joseph Piccillo, told me at one of my solo exhibitions that I

was to never stop painting ... and I never have!"

ConnectLife, Shawnee Volunteer Fire Co. play host to Brandon Kupiec Memorial Blood Drive

The Kupiec family, along with ConnectLife and the Shawnee Volunteer Fire Co., will host a community blood drive honoring the memory of North Tonawanda native Brandon Kupiec. Brandon died unexpectedly in 2013, at the young age of 20. His family holds this yearly event in his honor.

The event will take place from 1-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, at Shawnee Volunteer Fire Co., 3747 Lockport Road. All donors will receive a free Buffalo Bills cooler, a prize raffle calendar, a coupon for a slice of Good Guys pizza, and a hot dog lunch/dinner.

A press release noted, "Since the age of 16, Brandon had been an avid blood donor. He knew the importance of blood donation. There is no substitute for blood; it has to be donated by one to give

to another! We are asking the community to share in his memory by donating on his behalf. To date, we have collected over 1157 pints of blood."

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River Region Artists Studio Tour

A relaxed day talking to artists
Sunday, July 23rd • 11:00 - 4:00

Sarah Bonse
 5264 Hewitt Parkway, Lewiston (Masquerade masks and accessories)

Janet Gillis – at Tom Towers Market
 759 Lockport Rd. (Rte 93), Youngstown (Watercolors and jewelry)

Nina Randall – At Bella Rose Winery
 1243 Ridge Rd (opens at noon) (Landscapes and portraits, oils and pastel)

Carol Mathewson & Anne Zohur
 545 Mountain View Drive, Lewiston (Realistic and abstract paintings) (Paintings and collage in mixed media)

Michelle Marcotte & Kath Schifano
 468 Fort Gray Dr., Lewiston (oil paintings, childrens books, cards) (paintings of local scenes and other subjects)

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Thank You to all who helped fund the July 4, 2023 Fireworks Celebration

Mayor Anne Welch and the Village Board of Trustees would like to send a sincere Thank You to the following individuals, organizations and municipalities who contributed funds and resources toward the Lower Niagara River Region July 4th 2023 Independence Day Fireworks.

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With your help, we had a spectacular 4th of July Celebration!